

HA-1109

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HAVRE DE GRACE
Havre de Grace, Md.

c. 1840

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

The Presbyterian Church of Havre de Grace

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

551 Franklin Street

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland, 21078

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

—BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

—PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

—OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

X YES RESTRICTED

— YES UNRESTRICTED

—NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

—PRIVATE RESIDENCE

X RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

The Presbyterian Church of Havre de Grace Telephone #: 939-3611

STREET & NUMBER

551 Franklin Street

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace,

— VICINITY OF

Maryland 21078

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

45 S. Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

Liber #: 542

Folio #: 85

STATE

Maryland 21014

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Presbyterian Church is located at Franklin St. between N. Stokes St. and Freedom Alley, facing south. It is a rectangular, one-story, four-bay by three-bay building with a stone foundation with an above grade, lighted basement. A wing on the rear of the building gives it a t-shape. Built in 1841-1843, the Greek Revival style, the church had an enclosed entrance porch with a triangular pediment added to the front approximately forty years after it was built. This alteration enclosed the old recessed porch, making it part of the interior, which it is today.

Wood siding is used on the building in three different ways. Boards in the pediment and frieze are flush to one another to give the appearance of a smooth surface; the porch and facade are of German siding and all the remaining elevations, including the wing are clap-board.

An entrance porch, as mentioned earlier, projects from the center of the facade. With pilasters at the corners and a triangular pediment, it duplicates the design of the facade. The door on the south wall of the wing is sheltered by a shed roof covered with imbricated slate and supported by brackets.

The windows on the main block and porch facade, have round arched openings within rectangular frames, filled with stained glass and crowned by bracketed pediments. In the center of the porch pediment is an oculus of stained glass. Another oculus is located in the gable end of the wing. Windows on the east and west elevation, main block, are the same: 2/2 light, double-hung sash, containing stenciled glass in pairs of pointed arches, flanked by louvered shutters with iron strap hinges. On the wing, windows containing stained glass are 6/6 light, double-hung sash.

The church is entered through a round arch with a transom in the top containing leaded, stained glass inscribed with the words "Presbyterian Church". Modern glass doors fill in the center of the facade. The door on the south wall of the wing has squares of colored glass in the upper half.

The gable front roof is medium pitch with the ridge perpendicular to the street. The wing roof is gable flank, covered with slate.

A modern, brick, two-story addition is connected to the west side of the main block.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1841 - 1843

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The main block of the Presbyterian Church was begun in 1841 and the sanctuary was completed in 1843 at a cost which was believed not have exceeded \$21,000.00; Robert Van Diver was the contractor. Initially built in a strict Greek Revival form, the church probably recieved its projecting entrance porch in 1884 when the Manse (demolished in 1960 to provide space for the Christian Education Building and a parking lot) next door to it was built. The new front with a round arched opening was perhaps felt to give the building a more Gothic and less pagan look.

This simple frame building is significant in its relationships to other religious buildings in the town and also because it is one of a very few buildings in Havre de Grace built in a classical temple form.

The neighborhood around the church is deteriorating although many note worthy buildings are nearby. The Parker Mitchell House (HA-1105) is directly across the street and the Cameron Currier Stables (HA-1104) are less than a block west.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The 125th Anniversary of the Presbyterian Church of Havre de
Grace - 1841-1966

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marion Morton, Architectural Surveyor

November 9, 1976

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Annapolis, Md. 21401

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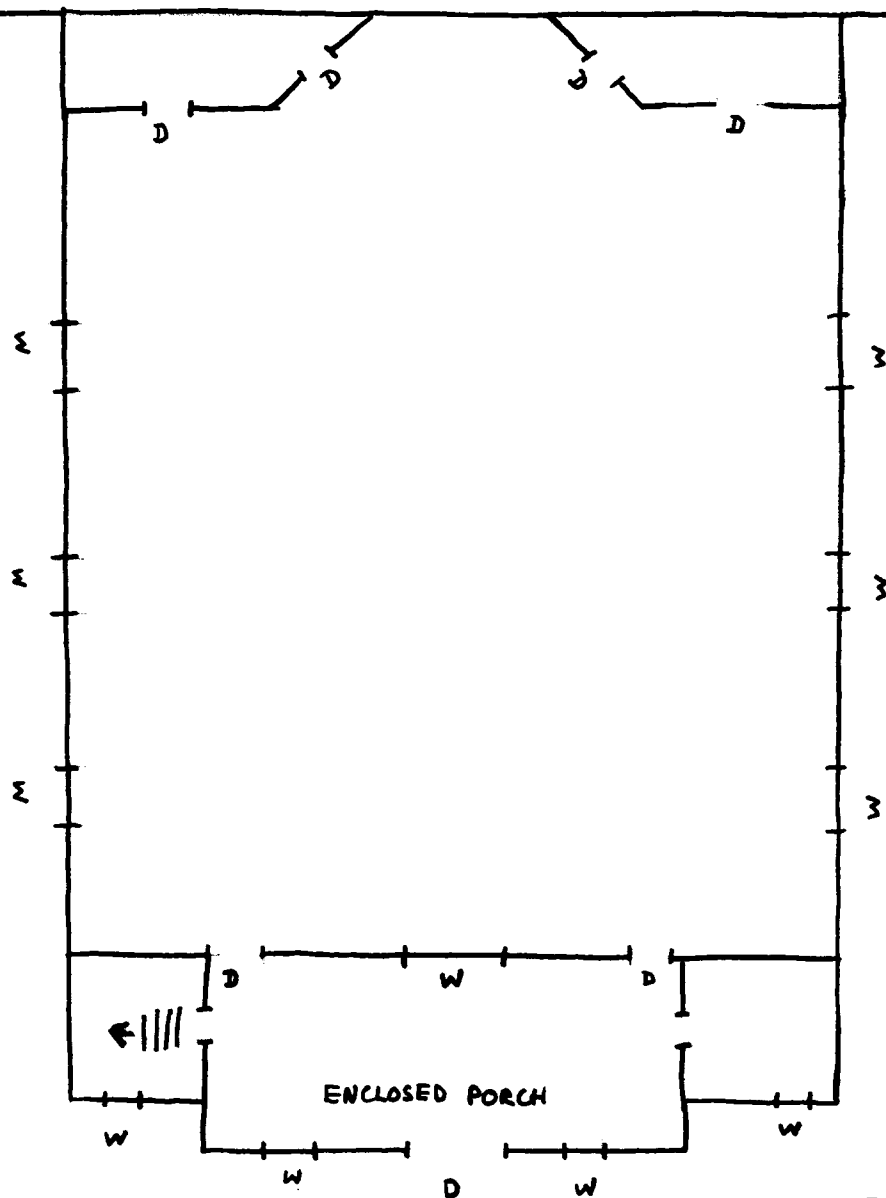
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INTERIOR

There have been some interior changes since the mid to late 19th century. A choir box was once located on the south interior wall. It has been covered over although the space and steps to it remain on the west side of the enclosed porch. Georgian style entablatures and dentil trim were added to the doors and windows in the 1960s. The furniture with the exception of the pews are believed to be original.

NEW
WING

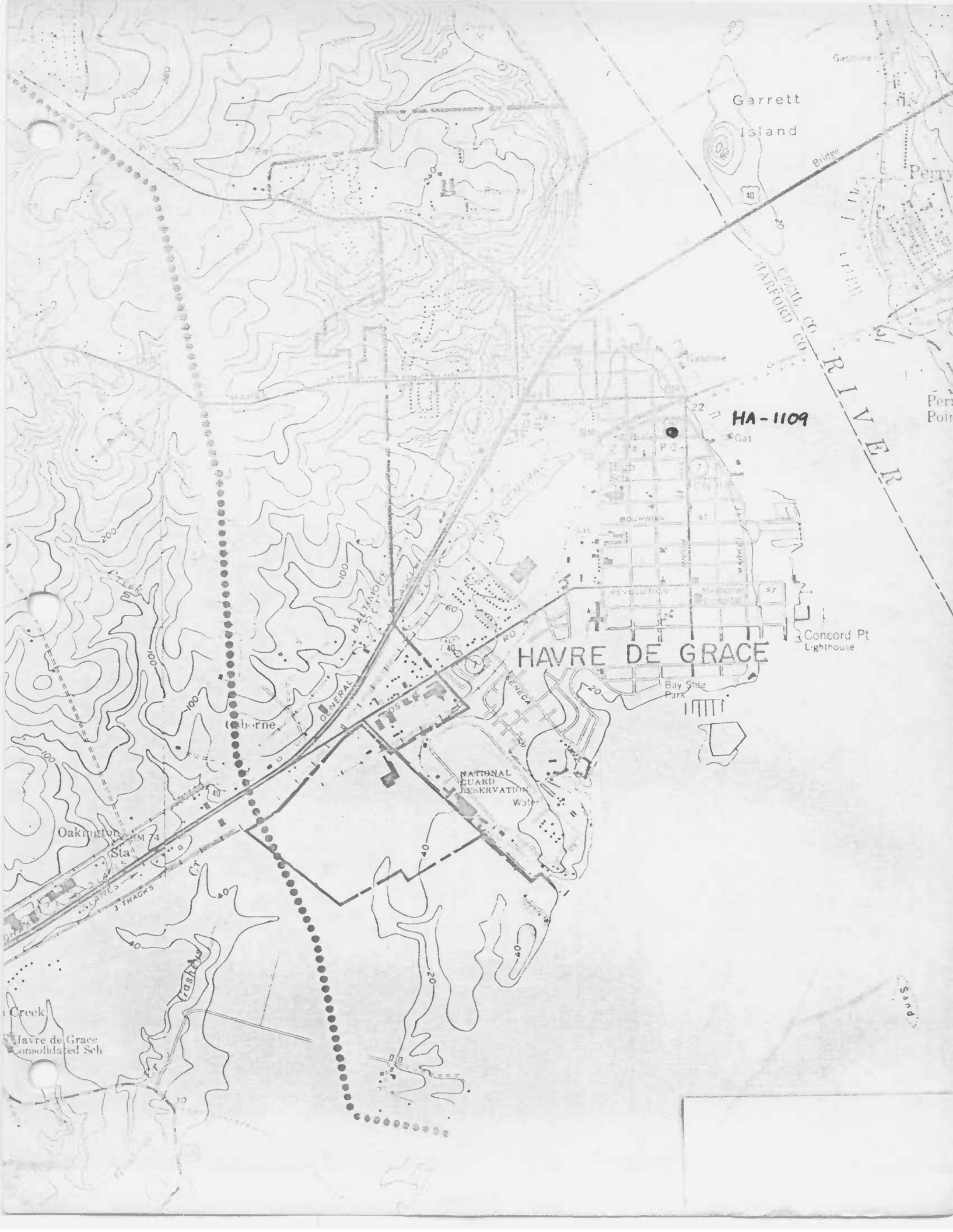
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOT TO SCALE

APPROXIMATE PLAN









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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HA-1109
551 FRANKLIN ST, HAVRE DE GRACE
SOUTH FACADE, BEFORE 1884
MARION MORTON (PHOTOCOPY) NOV, 76
ORIGINAL AT SUSQUEHANNA MUSEUM, H. DE G.